GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:50
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DAMAGE TO DEFENCE INSTALLATIONS BY TSUNAMI
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of defence installations have been damaged in different parts of the country due to recent Tsunami;

(b) if so, the details of loss of lives and properties as a result thereof, force-wise;

(c) the amount of compensation paid/proposed to be paid to the next of kith and kin of the deceased families;

(d) the steps taken by the Government for reinstallation of damaged structures;

(e) whether an Integrated Logistic Committee was set up under the Defence Secretary for relief and rehabilitation in Andaman and Nicobar Islands; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the action taken on the recommendations made by the Committee?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 50 FOR 3.3.2005

A number of Defence installations, particularly of Air Force, Navy and Coast Guard located in Andaman and Nicobar Islands have suffered damages due to the recent Tsunami.

The loss of life (force-wise) was as under:-

(i) Andaman & Nicobar Islands:

Name of the Force	Number of Serving Personnel	
	Dead	Missing
Army	Nil	Nil
Navy	Nil	Nil
Air Force	7	4
Coast Guard	Nil	Nil
Military Engineering Service	Nil	1

(ii) One Civilian (Group 'D') of the Coast Guard lost his life in Chennai.

(iii) The number of Defence personnel dead/missing in the other affected States/Union Territories is "Nil".

(iv) A preliminary assessment of loss is indicated below:-

Coast Guard	Rs. 325.19 lakhs
Carnic Air Force Station	Rs. 295.00 lakhs
Naval installations on Mainland	Rs. 26.29 lakhs

Next of kin of the above mentioned Air Force personnel have been paid compensation of Rs. 53.36 lakhs from Air Force Group Insurance Society and Air Force Central Welfare Fund, which are Regimental non public funds. Payment of compensation of Rs. 1.00 lakh has also been announced by the Central Government.

An amount of Rs. 1.00 lakh has been paid to the next of kin of the deceased Coast Guard personnel by the Government of Tamil Nadu.

In addition, an amount of Rs. 13,000/- has been paid to the next of kin of the deceased by the Coast Guard. In addition, ex- gratia amount of Rs. 1.00 lakh from PM's Relief Fund is being paid. The payment of family pension, gratuity and other terminal benefits to the next of kin of the deceased defence personnel is being processed as per extant norms.

Emergency repair to operationalise affected defence installation due to Tsunami have already been carried out by the defence forces.

No Committee by the name of "Integrated Logistic Committee" was set up. However, an Integrated Relief Command headed by Lt. Governor of Andaman and Nicobar Island was constituted for effective coordination and operationalisation of relief and rehabilitation measures.